of farmers/growers, partnership/Proprietary firms, Non-Government Organisations, Self Help Groups, Companies, Corporations Cooperatives, Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees. Marketing Boards and Agro Processing Corporations in the entire country.

The National Horticulture Board (NHB), is implementing the scheme of Capital Investment Subsidy for construction/expansion/ modernisation of cold storage/Storages for Horticultural Produce. Under this scheme, the promoter of cold storage is eligible for 25% subsidy subject to a ceiling of Rs. 50 lakhs and subsidy @33.33% of the project cost upto a ceiling of Rs. 60 lakhs per project for North Eastern States.

The Government is also providing assistance for horticulture crops to the farmers under the Centrally Sponsored Macro Management Scheme @50% of cost for small and marginal, SC & ST and Women farmers and 35% of the cost of other category of farmers for taking up drip irrigation.

Wheat to Afghanistan

1320. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat sent to Afghanistan;

(b) what is the quantity of wheat yet to be sent; and

(c) whether Indian Council of Agricultural Research has declared that Indian wheat sent to Afghanistan was not infected, as alleged by Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) No wheat has been supplied to Afganistan so far. However, the Govt. has committed to offer humanitarian assistance including provision of 10 lakh metric tonnes of wheat to internally and externally displaced, Afghans. The Government is in touch with various UN agencies including the World Food Programme, to work out the modalities for sending the above assistance.

(c) Question does not arise, Sir.

Livestock population *vis-a-vis* fodder availability

1321. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the population of livestock in the country, State-wise, and per capita availability of fodder; and

(b) the growth rate of livestock and fodder?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) A Statement showing State-wise Livestock Population on the basis of 16th Livestock Census, 1997 is Annexed (*See* below). The per capita availability of fodder during the year 1997 was around 1.8 metric tonnes per annum.

(b) The population of livestock in 1997 over 1992 increased by 33% whereas the production of fodder increased by 4.8% during the same period.

Statement

Statewise Livestock Population

(In thousand Nos.)

Sl. No.	State/U.T.	Livestock. 97 (P)
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	37331
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1188
3.	Assam	13753
4.	Bihar	38389#
5.	Gujarat	20969
6.	Goa	325
7.	Haryana	11062
8.	Himachal Pradesh	5013
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	9609
10.	Karnataka	30688
11.	Kerala	6964
12.	Madhya Pradesh	48918

1	2	3
13.	Maharashtra	39638
14.	Manipur	1199
15.	Meghalaya	1607
16.	Mizoram	256
17.	Nagaland	1299
18.	Orissa	24263
19.	Punjab	9857
20.	Rajasthan	56348
21.	Sikkim	294
22.	Tamil Nadu	25939
23.	Tripura	2251
24.	Uttar Pradesh	66327
25.	West Bengal	36711#
Union Territories		
26.	A & N Islands	218
27.	Chandigarh	44
28.	D & N Haveli	43#
29.	Delhi	393
30.	Lakshadweep	29
31.	Pondicherry	135
32.	Daman & Diu	12
	ALL INDIA	491121

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